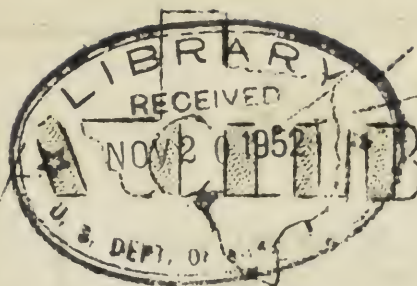


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DALLAS, TEXAS

IT'S A
TEXAS FACT!

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The Federal bureau in charge of wildlife and waterfowl has no record on file--nor will they ever have it!--of a non-stop geese flight from the Northern to the Southern hemisphere. The reason is as natural as it is simple: NOT EVEN A SILLY GOOSE COULD FLY OVER BEAUTIFUL TEXAS WITHOUT STOPPING!

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Grain storage is down 16 % as compared to last year, according to the latest Department release. This reflects a higher price for farmers who have less incentive to store it. It could also mean that parity is doing the job it was meant to do.

GEMS

LIKE THE WINDS OF THE SEA
ARE THE WINDS OF FATE
AS WE VOYAGE ALONG
THROUGH LIFE:

'TIS THE SET OF THE SOUL
THAT DECIDES ITS GOAL,
AND NOT THE CALM OR
THE STORM!

--ELLA WHEELER
WILCOX.

Mildred Yeager Is
Named "Member of The Month"

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LOIS MILDRED YEAGER, PMA employee, has been honored as Member of the Month for January by the Work of the Department Committee. Her selection was based on the excellent job she did as editor of the USDA Club News during the past year and in particular for several innovations initiated by her while holding that position.

The honoree was born in Putnam Texas, attended Hardin-Simmons University, majoring in journalism and graduating with a BA degree. She was editor and advertising manager for the Putnam News for three years before taking a job in Washington D.C. as a Congressional secretary. In November 1940 she switched to the Department of Justice and a year later transferred to the Treasury Department. (Page 3 please)

USDA Members Asked To
Submit Nominations.

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Each month the Work of the Department Committee selects some member of the USDA Club to honor as the "Member of the Month". However, any member may submit his choice for the honor to the committee. In fact, Mr. Verlon Twaddell, chairman of the committee, would be pleased to receive several ideas each month as he feels that a more truly representative choice can then be made. For convenience a nomination blank is printed at the bottom of page 4 and all members are urged to take advantage of it, or use your own papers. You need not sign your name unless you wish to do so.

Myths and Facts

We are indebted to the FEDERAL PERSONNEL COUNCIL for the following MYTHS Versus FACTS.

THE MYTH:

Most government employees are in Washington D.C.

THE FACT:

There are more government employees stationed in California alone than there are in the entire Washington D.C. metropolitan area, which consists not only of the District of Columbia but also nearby areas in Virginia and Maryland. On September 30, 1951, 252,200 Federal employees, or 10.1 per cent of the total, worked in California as compared to 249,900 in the Washington area, or 10.0 per cent. Actually, there are twice as many employees in the Post Office Department alone, working as clerks and carriers throughout the country, as there are in the Executive branch in Washington.

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I . R . R A C K E T B U S T E R R E T I R E S

With scandal licking at the doors of the Internal Revenue Department it is good to pay tribute to Albert P. Madden, nemesis of Al Capone and other gangsters. After 32 years "retiring" such gentry behind prison bars he places himself on the retirement list. It was his suggestion to take down the serial numbers of the ransom money in the Lindbergh Kidnap case that led to the capture of Bruno Hauptmann....

Secret Service's Tim Hurst also retired recently. His specialty was trapping counterfeiters. When spurious ten-dollar notes drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas flooded the southwest he tracked the gang down and found them operating out of Monterrey Mexico. The gang, headed by a fellow named Brando and known as the Al Capone of Mexico, caused Mr. Hurst to lose 20 pounds while on the case. He was the cause of their getting 20 years.

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HAVE YOU DONATED YOUR
CORPUSCULAR SHARE TO THE
USDA BLOOD BANK YET?
HAVE YOUR SECTION CHIEF PUT YOUR NAME ON
THE REGISTER IF YOU QUALIFY!

UNDER SUSPICION!

Congressional action against the indiscriminate use of certain chemicals that have come under suspicion of causing or stimulating cancerous conditions in the human body may come soon if a study now being carried out indicates that federal regulations should be set up governing their use. Testimony before a House committee shows that further study is in order regarding the use of coal tar in eyebrow pencils, estrogenic hormones in some lotions and creams, and a light green dye used to make certain foodstuffs "prettier". It is felt that prolonged use of any of these agents may be cause for concern for anyone who may have a predisposition to cancer.

The editor, in printing this item for our readers would like to emphasize that nothing definite has been proven against any of these chemicals but they are all under suspicion. Our own guidepost in such matters is pointed up by the fact that, while we are not superstitious, we never walk under ladders if we can walk around them.

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WE NEVER REALIZE HOW GOOD
OUR "CREDIT RATING" IS UN-
TIL WE SET OUT TO BORROW
TROUBLE!

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In the next issue we hope to have some agency statistics on the blood bank.

The USDA CLUB NEWS is published the first of every month. Send news contributions to the editor, 2007 McKinney Ave., or call Ri-6951, Sta.2044

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We must not take the disclosures of grain shortages lightly because they do reflect on the Department as a whole, and we are sure each member of the Department realizes that. However, we should not forget--nor should we allow others to forget--that in almost all cases the shortages were caused by rascality outside the Department. In dealing with all types of people there will almost always be a small percentage of them whose standards of integrity are sub-par. That is one reason some agencies in the Department must have an Examination and Investigation section.

And sometimes ingenious tricks used by dishonest people make their jobs very difficult, as did those two brothers who built a false center in their warehouse bins in Illinois. They had corn a-plenty for top and bottom inspection but in between, nothing. That it doesn't pay is illustrated in the three suicides to date of men caught "converting" grain the government entrusted to their care. Here in our own Southwest the picture isn't as black as some of the headlines. USDA prestige will not suffer be-

MEMBER OF THE MONTH.....(from page 1)

During the 8 years she was with the Treasury Dept. she held various positions, including that of assistant supervisor of a unit in the Banking and Insurance division. In November, 1949 she transferred to PMA of Agriculture and moved to Dallas. She is presently located in the Program Operations Division.

With her newspaper background it was natural that Mildred gravitate to the USDA Club News. She became editor in 1950 and finished the year with such success she was voted a Certificate of Appreciation award. Since this was before the Member-of-the-Month or of-the-Year awards this was a special recognition. It was she who first suggested the Member awards to others for outstanding service within the Department.

Since the present editor has first-hand knowledge of some of the problems and tribulations she coped with successfully, he feels that she well merits the recognition. She did most of the work in connection with the editorship after hours, even cutting stencils while hospitalized in order to meet a publishing deadline. And they do come regular!

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D I D Y O U K N O W :

That the average salary of a GS grade 1 employee (clerical, administrative, & professional classification) is \$2596.00 per annum, of a grade 2, \$2861.00, grade 3, \$3119.00, grade 4, \$3398.00 and grade 18, \$14,800.00

That the old saying, there's always room at the top still holds true? There are approximately 193,000 employees in grade 3 but only 42 (at present) in grade 18.....

That Bonnie Williams of Local 589, Jackson, Mississippi (NFFE) has never met Bonnie Williams of Local 571, Dallas, (Solicitor's Office), which is the Mississippi Miss's misfortune, as our Texas Bonnie is a most charming young lady.....

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TODAY IS THE PERFECT TIME TO SPEAK THAT KINDLY WORD TO YOUR FRIEND. TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE.

cause of the misdoings of a few "grabbit and git" boys who never thought "getting theirs" would include getting caught.

Quotations

"THOSE WHO THINK BUREAUCRATS ARE FAIR TARGETS FOR ANY SORT OF RECKLESS ACCUSATION TEND TO UNDERMINE THE GOVERNMENT THEY SAY THEY WANT TO IMPROVE".....Ex-Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

"WE MUST PASS THE WORD AROUND THAT THE NOTION THAT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS AN INEFFICIENT ORGANIZATION SET UP TO PROVIDE A REFUGE FOR INCOMPETENT WORKERS IS AS INACCURATE AS THE NOTION THAT THUNDER MAKES MILK TURN SOUR!"
Robert Ramspeck, Chairman, Civil Service Commission.

SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION
FOR "MEMBER" AWARDS

The coupon below is for your convenience. In making the monthly awards the Work of the Department Committee will be governed by, and their selection based on, the following factors

1. For outstanding work or service which the individual has done directly for or on behalf of the USDA Club.
2. For outstanding work or service performed OUTSIDE the requirements of his particular job, or community service which he performs which will reflect favorably upon the Department of Agriculture. Excellence in his regular job will not count other than that it should be such that his selection will not reflect adversely on the Committee's choice.

Nomination Blank

— monthly Award —

NAME
AGENCY
REASON FOR CHOICE

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MAIL TO: Mr V. S. Twaddell, Chairman,
Work of the Department Committee, USDA Club,
2001 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

GROWING!

Each day, according to a Department release, there are 7400 more mouths to feed than the day before. 708 more each hour! Five more each minute!
WHO SAID THE FARMER'S JOB ISN'T IMPORTANT!

FOR SALE :
Good 50-chick electric brooder, also broiler chick double finisher, on steel ball-bearing wheels. Total cost when new, \$62.50. PRICE NOW, \$30.00 — — — N. F. Nelson, Ri-6951, station 845, or Vi-8360.

FOR SALE :
Aluminum frame, canvas top for $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pick-up truck. Good condition. Cost when new, \$8750. PRICED AT \$45.00 N. F. Nelson, Ri-6951, sta. 845, or Vi-8360.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK, March 2nd through 8th. Visit your children's school and see whether the teachers are doing a good job. If so your visit and interest will encourage them to do an even better one.

The editor is in receipt of a most excellent publication put out by the State Office of Farmers Home Administration. It is titled "TILEN TEXAS TOPICS" and spotlights the fine work F H A is doing for the Texas Farmer. We would welcome similar publications from other U S D A Agencies.